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**Life Newsbytes**

Canada has seen a significant rise in the number of deaths by euthanasia taking place in the last year, with a third giving “not wanting to be a burden” as a reason. A government report revealed that in 2019, 5,631 people were killed by euthanasia or assisted suicide, a rise of 26% from the year before. More than a third of patients (34%) who requested they be killed by their doctors cited fear of being a burden to their families. 13.7% said it was because of “isolation or loneliness.” The report also showed that of the 7,336 patients who requested Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID), 92% had their applications approved, although 15.2% of patients died before being killed, and a further 263 patients withdrew their request. (*Christian News Network, 8/20/20; CLR LifeWire, 8/27/20*)



**Speaking up For Life**

“A God who marks His covenanted people is telling them something important about the power of sex and its control and its proper place within the divine-human economy: It comes to us as a gift, to be used for its purposes and no other, and its abuse will sully the soul of man. Its proper use in marriage is a great mystery, a great gift which was given for the protection of all. It doesn’t always work out that way, sadly, but its imperfect practice is no excuse for throwing it all away for what we see today.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James*

“We speak truth and show love in reflection of His own toward us. We respect and protect even the least among us because we have received the same favor freely from Him. We treat both our life and our neighbor’s as privilege to us and treasure to God.” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life*

“Let us stand firm for the rights of all people, especially for the most vulnerable, most defenseless of them all, the unborn children ... The Church has confessed from the beginning that each life is created by God, that human life is the supreme gift of the Creator. Human life is not given unconditionally, but is given under the condition that we will be responsible for preserving it.” *Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington*

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# 2020 Lutherans For Life Regional Conferences

Our 2020 theme is ...

## From Invisible to Indispensable!

“On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable ...” (1 Corinthians 12:22 ESV)

Join us as we unpack this theme and what it means for the For Life movement, both nationally and in your community.

The regional conferences for Lutherans For Life allow our team to come directly to you with the For Life Gospel message. These gatherings are wonderful times spent together where we can provide valuable information and encouragement to you, your community, and the life-affirming work you are engaged in.

Please check the schedule below to see which of our 2020 conference locations is near you. We’re excited to see you there!

**Remaining Conferences ...**

**Ruthfred Free Lutheran Church  
Bethel Park (Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania – September 26**

**Life in Christ Lutheran Church  
Peoria (Phoenix), Arizona – October 24**

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
Orlando, Florida – November 14**

**Since 1973: 61,628,584 abortions in America**

Source: [www.nationalrighttolife.org/2020/07/abortion-statistics-united-states-data-and-trends-4](http://www.nationalrighttolife.org/2020/07/abortion-statistics-united-states-data-and-trends-4)



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